



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7084

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN URBAN VIOLENCE REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Grant" means an urban violence reduction grant;
- 3 (2) "Eligible agency" means a nonprofit agency authorized by a
- 4 municipality to apply for and administer a grant on behalf of such
- 5 municipality; and
- 6 (3) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
- 7 Management.
- 8 (b) There is established an urban violence reduction grant program
- 9 for the purpose of reducing urban youth violence by providing grants
- 10 for programs and services for youth in Connecticut's urban centers.
- 11 The program shall be administered by the Office of Policy and
- 12 Management.
- 13 (c) The secretary shall, within available appropriations, award
- 14 grants under the program based on competitive proposals submitted
- 15 and evaluated as provided in this section, except that, within available
- 16 appropriations and subject to the requirements of subsection (g) of this
- 17 section, the cities of Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven shall each

18 receive, annually, a grant of seven hundred twenty-five thousand
19 dollars, the cities of New London and Waterbury shall each receive,
20 annually, a grant of four hundred seventy-five thousand dollars and
21 the city of Stamford shall receive, annually, a grant of two hundred
22 thousand dollars. Such grants may be made to a municipality or to one
23 or more eligible agencies acting on behalf of a municipality.
24 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, for the fiscal year
25 ending June 30, 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the
26 grant payable to each municipality in accordance with this section
27 shall be reduced proportionately in the event that the total amount
28 payable in grants to all municipalities under this section exceeds the
29 amount appropriated for such grants for such year.

30 (d) Grants made under this section shall be used to provide eligible
31 programs and services for youth between twelve and eighteen years of
32 age. Such programs and services shall include, but not be limited to: (1)
33 Mentoring; (2) tutoring and enrichment activities; (3) social and
34 cultural activities; (4) athletic and recreational opportunities; and (5)
35 training in problem-solving, decision-making, conflict resolution, peer
36 counseling and similar topics designed to reduce youth violence. Grant
37 recipients shall provide for parental and youth involvement, on an
38 ongoing basis, in the planning and operation of such programs.

39 (e) The Office of Policy and Management shall publish a notice of
40 grant availability and solicit competitive proposals under the program
41 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter.
42 Municipalities and eligible agencies acting on behalf of a municipality
43 may file a grant application with the Office of Policy and Management
44 on such forms and at such times as the secretary prescribes.
45 Applications filed by eligible agencies acting on behalf of a
46 municipality shall include the endorsement of the chief elected official
47 of such municipality.

48 (f) The Office of Policy and Management shall review all grant
49 applications received under the program and determine which grant
50 applications shall be funded and at what funding levels. Criteria for

51 such determinations shall be established by the secretary and included
52 in the notice of grant availability.

53 (g) The cities of Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, New London,
54 Stamford and Waterbury shall annually submit to the Office of Policy
55 and Management a plan for the use of the grants made pursuant to
56 subsection (c) of this section, and such plan shall be subject to the
57 approval of the secretary. The plan shall be in such form, and contain
58 such information, as the secretary shall prescribe. No grant shall be
59 made to any such city pursuant to subsection (c) of this section unless
60 such city has an approved plan for the fiscal year for which the grant is
61 being made.

62 (h) The secretary may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter
63 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	New section

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*